

Downtown BIKE RIDES



Two-wheeling your way through San Antonio gives you the opportunity to see the sights up close and at your own pace. We've outlined five routes, ranging from a quick spin to those that will require more pedal power.

Bicyclists observe the same traffic regulations as motor vehicles, and we ask that you take all safety precautions, such as signaling turns, wearing a helmet, and braking for pedestrians. Be sure to take water with you, wear sunscreen and lock your bike when parking. Should you and your bike need a lift, hop on a VIA bus with a bike rack.

The highlights you'll pass on each route are listed below. For more information about any of the sites, including maps and brochures, please visit the San Antonio Visitor Center at 317 Alamo Plaza.

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For additional information, contact:



San Antonio Parks & Recreation
114 West Commerce, Suite 1006
San Antonio, TX 78205
(210) 207-6124
www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/



San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau
203 S. St. Mary's St., Suite 200
San Antonio, TX 78205
(210) 207-6700
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Office of Environmental Policy
111 Soledad, Suite 725
San Antonio, TX 78205
(210) 207-6321
www.sanantonio.gov/sabikes
www.gis.sanantonio.gov/oep/bike/index.html

- Begin at the **Alamo** and travel west on Houston St., past the **Buckhorn Saloon/Texas Rangers Museum**, the **San Antonio Children's Museum**, and the **Majestic and Empire Theatres**.



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- On the west side of Main Plaza is **San Fernando Cathedral**, the oldest Roman Catholic sanctuary in the U.S. The Bexar County Courthouse occupies the southern end of Main Plaza.
- Head north on Alamo, past **The Torch of Friendship** and **Rivercenter Mall**, and you're back to the Alamo.



You will pass HemisFair Park which was built to host the 1968 World's Fair. You will also pass the Tower of the Americas.

1.7 miles

LEGEND

- One-Way Street
- Bike Rack

Hays Street Bridge Hike & Bike Trail

San Antonio Central Library

San Antonio School of Art & Craft

Colombus Park

ArtPace

San Fernando Cathedral

Alameda Theatre

Spanish Governor's Palace

O. Henry House

Casa Navarro State Historical Park

Market Square

Museo Alameda Smithsonian

International Center

River Walk Area

LA VILLITA

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

HemisFair Park

Magik Children's Theatre

Children's Playground

San Antonio Conservation Society

King William Park

Villa Finale Visitor Center

Texas Highway Patrol Museum

St. Mary's

Travis Park

Majestic & Empire Theatres

Visitor Center

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Commerce Market

Alamodome

Sunset Station

Amtrak Train Station

Institute of Texan Cultures

Guenter House

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→ One-Way Street
 Bike Rack

6.9 miles



2 Brackenridge Park Out & Back

Main Plaza, a historic community gathering center in front of San Fernando Cathedral, is a great place to start this ride.

- You'll push north to St. Mary's St., which will take you to your destination, the 344-acre **Brackenridge Park**.
- Along the way, you'll ride through business districts and residential neighborhoods, encountering a number of popular restaurants and eateries should you want to stop for a bite.
- Brackenridge Park** is on a site that once held a rock quarry, a Civil War-era tannery, and a waterworks. Land was first donated to the city for the park in 1899. Today, park attractions include **Brackenridge Park Golf Course**, the **Brackenridge Eagle** miniature train, **San Antonio Zoo**, **Japanese Tea Gardens**, **Sunken Garden Theater**, jogging trails, public art, playgrounds, pavilions and athletic fields.



As you leave the park, you'll travel along Avenue B, which is a dedicated, family friendly bike path, and then you'll hit Josephine St. which will lead you to N. Alamo St. which will take you back toward downtown.



The Japanese Tea Gardens feature beautiful floral displays, a waterfall and a safe habitat for new Koi and aquatic plants.



This Brackenridge Park Golf Course was designed in 1915 and is the oldest 18-hole public course in the state.

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3 Pearl Brewery Out & Back

The revitalized Pearl Brewery complex is a mixed-use development offering restaurants and shopping along with commercial and residential spaces. The Culinary Institute of America makes its home here, as does the Aveda Institute.

- The brewery, originally founded in 1883, is a premium place for viewing the new Museum Reach section of the River Walk.
- To begin, your route takes you from Main Plaza north through downtown to St. Mary's St., then along Josephine St. to the Pearl.

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Once home to the brewery's draft horses, Pearl Stable now provides a unique site for various events.

3.2 miles



4 King William Out & Back

A leisurely roll through the opulent King William Historic District will definitely make you feel like you're traveling back through time. The mansions were built for German business and civic leaders by the city's most prominent architects in the late 1800s, and feature a variety of architectural styles, from Italianate to Romanesque Revival. On this route, cyclists are mixing with urban vehicular traffic, so it's not suggested for children or inexperienced cyclists.

- The **Guenther House**, now a museum, restaurant and gift shop, was built in 1860 as the residence for the family that founded Pioneer Flour Mills.
- The **Steves Homestead Museum** showcases the 1876 home built for Edward Steves, founder of the Steves Lumber Company, and it is open to the public.
- **Villa Finale**, also built in 1876, was renovated by San Antonio preservationist Walter Mathis, who donated it to the National Trust for Historic Preservation (open Fall 2010).
- Your journey will take you past several parks, including the **Commander's House Park** and **King**

William Park. Don't miss a new pocket park at Crofton and Constance, which provides a perfect resting point on the edge of the San Antonio River.



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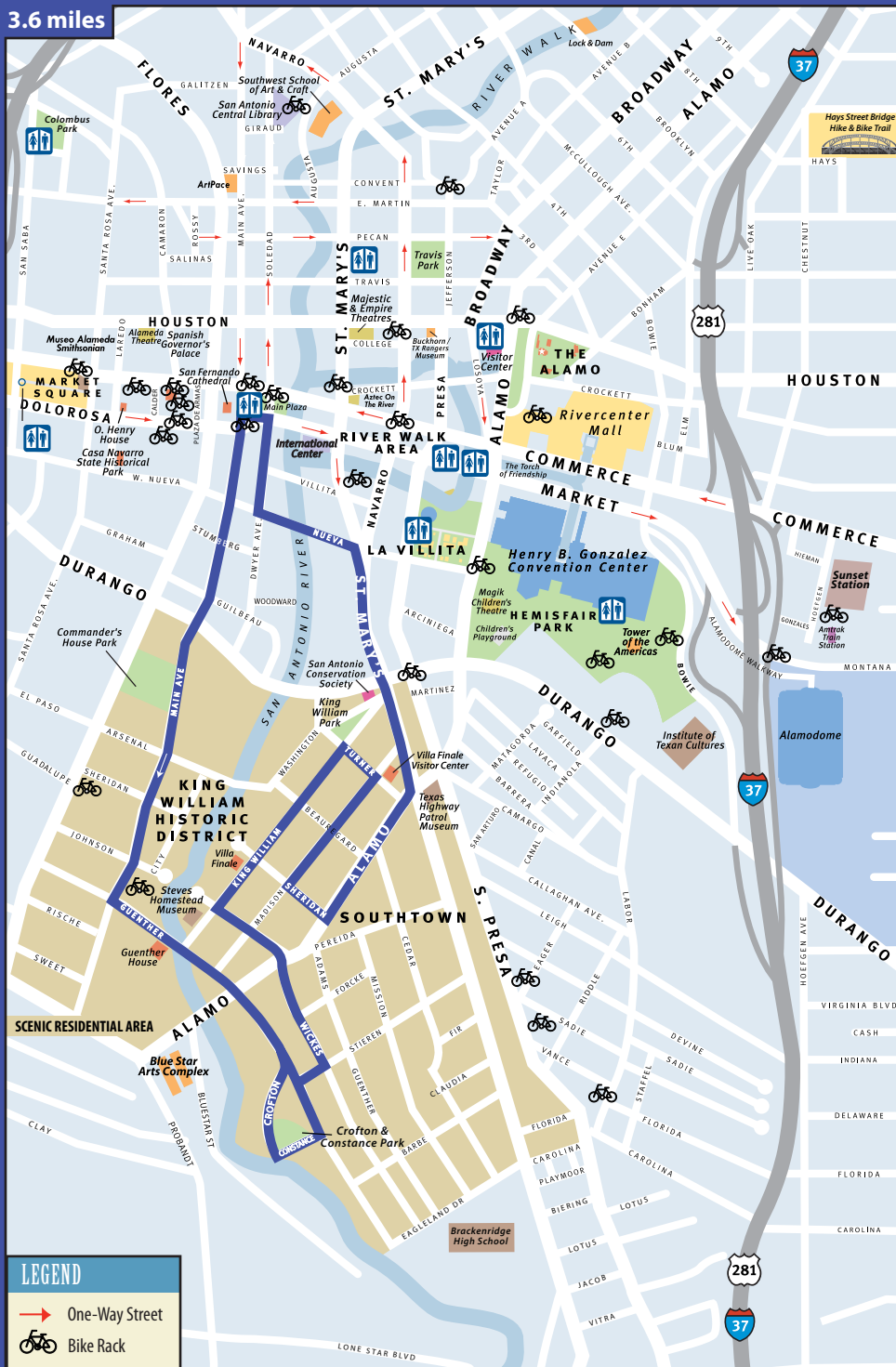
Enjoy a leisurely roll through the artistic King William Historic District.



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3.6 miles



5 Mission Trail Out & Back

Experienced riders will relish this route along the Mission Trail, which encompasses four Spanish Colonial missions built along the San Antonio River to house Spanish missionaries and local Coahuiltecan Indians beginning in the 1720s.

Along this ride, watch for new trail segments and connections to Mission Trail which is undergoing dramatic renovations during the next few years. Watch for trail closures and use an alternate route when necessary. Check for current information at www.sanantonioriver.org.

about 20 miles




- Begin your ride at **Main Plaza** near **San Fernando Cathedral** and head south on S. Flores St.
- Ride about a block and turn right on E. Nueva St.
- Stay on E. Nueva St. for about half a mile until you reach S. Alamo St.
- Once you reach the area known as **Southtown**, you will have a couple of route options.



Once arriving at Mission Trail, there is a family friendly off-road multi-use path suitable for all experience levels.

- As you ride, look for signs pointing the way along **Mission Trail**. Each mission is open to the public and all are part of the National Parks system.



 *The Visitor Center at Mission San José offers exhibits and a short video about the history of the missions. You'll find water fountains and restrooms at each mission.*



Mission Concepción stands proudly as the oldest unrestored stone church in the U.S.



Mission Espada is one of the five Spanish Colonial missions built along the San Antonio River.

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